The Bible & Daily Living

Hidden hopes

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Lesson for December 25, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-3

Introduction

A favorite Christmas carol describes the hidden hopes of Christians. One line in that carol reads, "Our hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." (O Little Town of Bethlehem)

Just as the early Israelites hoped for a new day, we who live in the twentieth century have hopes and fears. Perhaps our prevailing mood is that of fear. We fear for our health, our children, our jobs, our family, and our strife-torn world.

Our country has never been ravaged by war like other European and Asian countries. Israel, too, was ravaged by war, reducing her cities to ruins and the people to exiles. The spirits of that nation and people were dampened and darkened by the brutal enemies who devastated the Israelite homeland.

When Isaiah came upon the scene, he came with a message of hope and renewal. Isaiah also spoke of a child who would become the Prince of Peace.

The Christmas season is a time of hope and expectation as we celebrate again the coming of him who came to renew our spirits and save us from our sin.

From Darkness To Light (Isaiah 9:1-5)

Darkness is more than the mere absence of light. Darkness takes place in the soul that struggles against sin. Darkness comes when we grieve the loss of significant persons. "When we cannot bear our grief, the Lord our God will send relief." (From Hansel and Gretal) Darkness comes when we walk through valleys of illness or when facing death.

Isaiah foretold of a new day when the people of Israel would rejoice over fallen enemies. God would intervene and break the instruments of war and oppression.

A New King [Isaiah 9:6-7]

This passage describes a successor to David who would deliver the people from their enemies and put a stop to war. The tributes paid to this king at first appear unrealistic to an earthly potentate. But Isaiah surely looked forward to a new day when a king would rise up whose reign would know no limits or end. The kingdom of peace that Isaiah points to would not happen overnight. It has not even happened in our age.

Jesus certainly fills the description that Isaiah describes in his prophetic forecast. In John's Gospel we see a good description of this Christ whose "light shineth in darkness."

A Nation Restored [Isaiah 11:1-9]

A tree in my yard needed cutting because of decay. After three years a shoot emerges each spring. The stump appears dead but life still remains.

This is the way things looked after David's reign. From his line of kinds would come a Messianic King, whom we know as Jesus. "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots..."

Isaiah again points to the future when evil would be overcome and faith would reap its rewards. The hope of peace is a prevailing theme in Isaiah and the New Testament. Christmas day is celebration of the birth of Christ and of his promise to unite all things in peaceful harmony. The shepherd's song is our song too!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

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Times-Virginian WORSHIP

At Evergreen UMC
Special service set Sunday

A CHristmas Eve communion service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Evergreen United Methodist Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

At New Hope Church
High attendance sought

Sunday, Dec. 25 will be Sunday School High Attendance Day at New Hope Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert Williams, pastor. The goal has been set at 300.

"We need your support and encouragement so that we may reach this goal for God's glory as we celebrate his son's birthday," commented Carroll Goodrich, Sunday school superintendent.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service, Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

"Let us all keep Christ in Christmas and serve him on his birthday," concluded Goodrich.

HERBERT FLESHMAN (left) presented checks in support of the county's Anti-Cold Homes Program this week on behalf of the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church, the Appomattox Branch of the NAACP, and the Appomattox Assembly. Mr. Fleshman is shown here presenting the checks to the Rev. Melvin Winters, treasurer of the Anti-Cold Homes Program. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Obituaries

Gilbert Benjamin Banton Sr.

Gilbert Benjamin Banton Sr., 72, of 129 Mayo St., Madison Heights, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1983, at his residence. He was the husband of Estelle Garrison Banton.

He was born in Nelson County, son of the late Alvin B. Banton and Eva Bryant Banton. He was a member of Madison Heights Baptist Church. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 877 and Madison Heights Ruritan Club. He was a veteran of World War II and retired from George W. Fix Co.

In addition to his wife he is survived by one son, Benjamin Banton Jr., and one daughter, Wanda B. Pruitt, both of Madison Heights; one brother, Mason E. Banton of Appomattox; nine sisters, Mrs. Flossie Wood, Mrs. Loraine Garrison and Mrs. Estelle Pearce, all of Lynchburg, Mrs. Betty Gofff, Mrs. Lillian Woodie and Mrs. Rachel Freeman, all of Madison Heights, Mrs. Della Wills of Amherst, Mrs. Elside McDaniel of Rutherford, ton, N.C., and Mrs. Louise Garrison of Pamplin, and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Madison Heights Baptist Church. Interment was in St. Stephen's Baptist Church cemetery.

Diuguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Henry Myers Beard

Henry Myers Beard, 75, of Route 2, Appomattox, died Wednesday evening in Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Virginia Chick Beard.

Born in Amherst County, he was a son of the late James Howard Beard and Lottie Wilmer Beard. He was a retired employee of Sears Lumber Company and a member of Hebron Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Lawrence M. Beard, Leesburg; four brothers, Herman Beard and George Beard, both of Appomattox, Carrington Beard, Rockville, and Herbert Beard, Lynchburg; six sisters, Mrs. Lewis Martin, Appomattox, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Amherst, Mrs. Irene Hurt and Mrs. Juanita Foster, both of Lynchburg, Mrs. Virginia Epperly, Rockville, and Mrs. Zelia Chapman, Farmville.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. today at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Gary Threatt, with burial in Hebron Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Page McIvor Cochran

Page McIvor Cochran, 81, Concord, died Dec. 15, 1983, in Lynchburg, as a result of an accident. He was the husband of the late Virginia Thomas Cochran.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of the late Sidney Cochran and Annie McIvor Cochran. He was retired equipment superintendent for Sweet Briar College from 1938 to 1975. The Cochran Power Plant, dedicated in 1975, was named in his honor.

He is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Concord Cemetery by J. Douglas Franklin.

Marie M. Doss

Marie M. Doss of Route 1, Box 516, Mechanicsville, died Dec. 15, 1983.

She was a member of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of Old Church.

She is survived by her husband, Whitt W. Doss; one daughter, Joyce M. Doss; one stepdaughter, Elaine C. Vroemen; two sisters, Ida Daubenspeck of Phenix and Vivian M. Baker of Colonial Heights; two brothers, S. R. (Buck) Mayhew of Green Bay and

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USDA cautions potential participants in programs

By TOM CONRAD

USDA Cautions Potential Participants in Milk Diversion Program - The recently enacted Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 contains a critical, retroactive feature of great importance to potential milk diversion program participants.

Under the new law, producers who wish to participate in the diversion program may not - after Nov. 8, 1983 - sell, lease or otherwise transfer cattle which could be used by the producer for the production of milk, except in limited circumstances.

Transfers for slaughter are permitted, as are transfers to another producer who will enter into a contract under the milk diversion program. USDA also has authority to grant other exceptions, but no decisions have yet been made as to whether or how this authority will be used.

Until those decisions have been announced, producers will jeopardize their chances of participating in the milk diversion program if they transfer cattle that could be used for the production of milk, other than for slaughter, or to a person the producer knows will participate in the program.

Under the program, producers may enter into contracts with the government to reduce their milk marketings. Those who meet all program requirements will be paid $10 per hundred pounds for the amount by which they reduce their marketings from their applicable base period marketings.

USDA Announces 1984 Flue-Cured Tobacco Quota - The 1984 flue-cured tobacco national marketing quota will be 805 million pounds, down 105 million pounds from the 1983 crop.

Undermarketings are estimated to exceed overmarketings by 30 million pounds making the 1984 effective quota about 835 million pounds, or 52 million pounds below the 1983 effective quota.

In the tobacco program, farmers who produce less than their quota of tobacco in one year (an undermarketing) are allowed to "overmarket" the amount of the shortfall the following year.

After undermarketings are taken into account, USDA felt it necessary to reduce the 1984 quota so that a reduction in supplies would come about in an orderly manner.

Supplies of flue-cured tobacco -- the quantity on hand at the start of the 1983 marketing year plus 1983 marketings-- are about 696 million pounds in excess of the reserve supply level. The reserve supply level is the quantity considered adequate to meet estimated domestic use and export needs. Current legislation provides for reducing the quota when supplies exceed the reserve supply level.

The 1984 national acreage allotment is 404, 726 acres, down from the 1983 allotment of 457,516 acres. Current law provides that a reserve acreage of not more than 3 percent of the national acreage allotment may be withheld for correction, adjustments and for establishing new farm allotments. However, no more than a third of such a reserve may be used for corrections and adjustments.

Estimated marketings from the 1984 quota are expected to be 835 million pounds, down 20 million pounds from the 1983 crop.

MEMBERS OF THE APPOMATTOX MIDDLE SCHOOL Future Farmers of America have been busy this Christmas season preparing toys for the children of needy families in Appomattox County. The students took old, discarded toys and repaired them so they look new. The toys, shown here in front the students, were to be distributed this week. Shown here are AMS FFA President Rick Pack, Vice President T.M. Phelps, Sentinnel Zane Torrence, Secretary Latrease Lee.

The South 40

Tobacco quota reduced

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The big news this week among flue tobacco producers is the basic quota cut of 11.5%. I understand that this translates into a 3% effective quota cut for Virginia producers in 1984.

There's been some misunderstanding between a basic quota and effective quota. If the grower has a basic quota of 10,000 pounds, but in 1983 only sold 8,500 pounds, the effective quota for 1984 is 11,500. There is the 10,000 pounds, plus the unsold amount in 1983 (1,500 pounds.)

The basic quota for Virginia in 1983 was 81 mil pounds. It is now cut to 71.7 mil. The effective quota in Virginia in 1983 was 79 mil pounds. It is cut to 76.7 mil pounds.

Since 1980 there has been an effective quota cut of 30% in flue tobacco.

Two factors contribute to this cut: A reduction in foreign sales, because of the high cost of domestic tobacco and increase production in other countries and the second reason is decrease usage of cigarettes in this country.

In 1974 total utilization was 1,200.6 million pounds, in 1983 the utilization dropped to 910 million pounds.

Domestic use in 1974 was 652.3 million pounds, but dropped to 465 pounds in 1983.

It's estimated that 15% of the flue tobacco used in cigarettes is imported. Again, the manufacturer can buy it cheaper overseas.

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There's a new fly tag available for 1984 called Guardian. It contains a synthetic pyrethroid called Flucythrinate. The publicity says it controls horn fly, face fly, gulf coast tick, spinose ear tick and aids in control of house fly, stable fly and lice. This tag uses the allflex tagging system.

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Congratulations to Dennis Torrence for the DHIA award for most progress in breeding efficiency. His herd averaged 93 days open, tops in the Lynchburg Association. The Association averaged 126 days open, while the state average was 127 days open. Keeping cows with calf is significant way to increase income.

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It's the time of year beef producers need to treat their cattle for lice.There are several materials cleared for this, but read the label closely before buying and before using. Co-Ral and Neguvon can be used - if you treated the animals with a grub material earlier. Lysoff and Dursban 44 are labeled. Lysoff must be mixed according to directions and takes two applications at least 3 weeks apart. Dursban 44 is ready to use - but it contains a cholinesterase inhibitor. There are a number of do's and don'ts. Read and follow directions carefully -- even to the point of wearing rubber gloves when making application.

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Less than 50% of U.S. cattlemen implant their calves. This one practice will return more dollars than any other practice you can follow. Ralgro needs to be given steer calves the day they are dropped and repeat every 100 days. Compudose is given one time if sold at weaning time. On heifer calves, if they are destined to be saved as replacements, don't implant. We are suggesting that if you don't know their destination, implant heifers when they are six weeks old and not repeat. The research studies suggest that when implanted this way, there is little effect on heifers.

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The Milk Diversion Program has a lot of implications for dairymen.We'll offer you an opportunity to learn better how to decide whether to participate with a program Wednesday, Jan. 4 9:30 Noon at the District Extension Office Auditorium.

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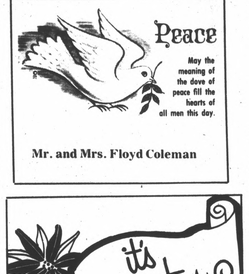

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